





## Intimation.

CHOICE AUSTRALIAN WINES.  
FROM THE CELEBRATED  
COOLALTA VINEYARDS,  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE COOLALTA WINES which we are introducing here for the first time give an exceptional opportunity to Wine Connoisseurs to sample really HIGH CLASS AUSTRALIAN WINES of low alcoholic strength.

COOLALTA WINES cannot be surpassed for their absolute Purity, High and Even Quality, Bouquet, and soft delicate flavour; and, being the natural product of the grape, they are specially recommended by the Medical Faculty of New South Wales.

COOLALTA WINES have obtained the HIGHEST AWARDS at all the principal International Exhibitions of the World.

A careful Analysis of these Wines was recently made by the Government of New South Wales. They were found to be PERFECTLY PURE, SOUND and THOROUGHLY FERMENTED WINES.

SAMPLES may be had FREE on application to Messrs. CALDERHEAD, MACGREGOR & Co., Sole Agents for Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [245]

## Advertisements.



TO-NIGHT.

WILLISON'S CIRCUS.  
OUR NEW COMPANY.

Miss Ida Vernon, YOUTH  
Miss Nellie Parry, AND  
Miss Alice Waller, BEAUTY.

A GALAXY OF THE LATEST  
OF THE LATEST  
OF THE LATEST

Miss Freda Willison in her dashing 4 Horse  
Picture Act, Riding and Driving Four  
Fleet-footed Steeds.

Doors Open at 8 P.M. Commence at 9 P.M.

TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY), 2nd March,  
GRAND FAREWELL NIGHT.  
Under the Disgraceful Patronage and in the  
Presence of His Excellency The Governor  
of Hongkong.

SIR WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.  
TESTIMONIAL BENEFIT  
tendered to  
B E R T W I L L I S O N  
The Popular Proprietor.  
The Niagara of All Programmes.  
Several leading Amateurs have kindly  
volunteered to take part in this  
Unique Performance.

TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), 3rd March,  
POSITIVE FAREWELL.  
\$20 will be paid to the person who  
whose letter is first opened by a Committee of  
appointed gentlemen, giving the correct  
interpretation of the missing words  
after Mr. WILLISON'S name  
A.T.W.O.R.A.D.M.M.

Another Event  
LOCAL HORSE LEAPING CONTEST  
ridden by Owners or Gentlemen Jockeys only,  
For a MAGNIFICENT SILVER CUP  
Presented by Mr. WILLISON  
and now given by  
G. FALCONER & CO'S.

Secure your Seats early for the  
FINAL THREE NIGHTS  
of the Show that has delighted Millions in every  
Country, every Climate.

BOX PLAN at W. ROBINSON & CO'S.  
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1897. [391]

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a FOUNDER  
GUN PRACTICE will be carried out  
by the Crew of H.M.S. *Immaculate* at Kowloon  
East side across Kowloon Bay, on THURSDAY,  
the 4th instant, between the hours of 9 A.M.  
and NOON.

All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cau-  
tioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command,  
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1897. [391]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship  
"CEYLON."  
FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be scitted out mark by mark  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on cargo—  
From Italy, ex S.S. *Sulley*.  
From Madras, ex S.S. *Sirra*.

Optional goods will be landed here unless  
instructions are given to the contrary before 10  
A.M. on the 3rd inst.

Goods not cleared by the 8th instant at 4  
P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the  
Godowns and a certificate of the damage  
obtained from the Godown Company within ten  
days after the Vessel's arrival here after which  
no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent,  
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1897. [3]

Today's  
Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.  
THE HONGKONG AMATEUR  
DRAMATIC CLUB  
WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF  
"LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE,"  
TO-NIGHT  
(TUESDAY), the 2nd March, 1897.  
Doors Open at 8.30 P.M.  
Performance at 9 P.M., precisely.  
PRICES:—\$3, \$2 and \$1.  
Half-price to Soldiers, Sailors and Police in  
Uniform.

LATE TRAINS will run 1 hour after the fall of the  
Curtain.

The BOOKING OFFICE at the THEATRE ROYAL  
is open  
From 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. daily.  
E. W. MITCHELL,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1897. [314]

Advertisements.  
DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &  
COMPANY,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

## AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.  
SODA WATER.  
LEMONADE.  
GINGER ALE.  
SARSAPARILLA.  
RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are  
made under the constant supervision of a duly  
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-  
parison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and  
other Large Consumers.

Any communications should be addressed to the  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [437]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions,  
Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong  
Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and  
not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied  
by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for  
publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Communications published in the Hongkong Telegraph will always  
be open for the full discussion by correspondents of all questions  
affecting public interests; it must be distinctly understood that  
the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for  
opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisements are requested to forward all notices intended for  
insertion in this paper, not later than "Three O'Clock" so as to  
not to retard the early publication of the paper.

Advertisements of a general nature, unless otherwise stated, should  
be forwarded to the Editor, who has the largest circulation of any  
English newspaper published in the Far East, and is therefore the  
best medium for Advertisers. Terms can be learnt on application.  
The Hongkong Telegraph's number at the Telephone Central  
Exchange is No. 1. Telegraphic address:—"Telegraph,"  
Hongkong.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES  
AND  
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House,  
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood  
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-  
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the  
best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on  
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month  
before use. When required for drinking at  
once it should be ordered to be decanted at  
the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner  
Wines of very superior Vintage. All are  
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest  
Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine  
product of the juice of the grape and are not  
artificially made from various and currents,  
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be  
pure COGNAC, the difference in price being  
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent  
quality and of greater age than most brands  
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY  
marked "E" is universally popular, and is  
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs  
to be superior to any other brand in the  
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS  
to be genuine when bought direct from us in the  
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the  
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.,  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
Hongkong, 15th September, 1896.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1897.

## TELEGRAMS.

## REUTER'S MESSAGE.

## GREECE AND THE POWERS.

LONDON, February 28th.

Russia, Austria, and Germany are urging that  
a preliminary note be delivered to Greece  
threatening immediate drastic measures, includ-  
ing the blockade of Greek ports, unless the Greek  
forces are withdrawn from Crete. The other  
Powers, while equally desirous of seeing the  
policy of the concert of Europe promptly executed,  
desire to approach Greece more moderately, to  
enable her to yield without compulsion.

(From *Kobe Chronicle*.)  
THE RUSSO-JAPANESE CONVENTION.  
TOKIO, February 19th.

It is reported that the Convention between  
Japan and Russia consists of only five articles,  
in which it is provided that one gate of the  
Palace of the King of Korea shall be guarded by  
Japanese troops, and the other gate by Russian  
troops, but the troops of each country stationed  
in Korea shall not exceed a battalion. The Con-  
vention also contains some provisions relating  
to telegraph lines.

From information that has reached us, we  
believe the Convention is of wider scope than  
the above would imply.—Ed. K.C.J.

## THE PRESS LAWS.

TOKIO, February 20th.

It is reported that, after an animated debate  
at yesterday's special meeting of the Cabinet  
Council, the Ministry decided to consent to the  
striking out of the "suspension clause" of the  
Press Law. If a proposal to this effect is passed  
by both Houses of the Diet.

## YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

TOKIO, February 21st.

The Yokohama Specie Bank proposes to  
distribute among the shareholders for the first  
half of the present year a sum of 700,000 yen  
earned by selling its gold reserve last year.  
The rate will be yen 12.50 per share.

## MINISTERIAL.

TOKIO, February 23rd.

Mr. Haru, Japanese Minister to Korea, has  
sent in his resignation. Mr. Kato, the present  
Charge d'Affaires in Seoul, will probably be  
appointed Minister Resident.

The departure of Baron Haysahl, recently  
Minister at Peking, for St. Petersburg will be  
about the 2nd proximo.

## THE NEW CUSTOMS TARIFF.

TOKIO, February 23rd.

The Statutory Customs Tariff Bill, which is  
considered one of the two important questions  
of the present session, was submitted to the Diet  
yesterday. It consists of eight clauses, a table  
of import duties, in which are enumerated 532  
articles, being appended.

## NEW PORTUGUESE MINISTRY.

TOKIO, February 23rd.

A telegram of the 19th inst. from Mr. Sosa,  
Minister to Paris, has been received at the  
Foreign Office, announcing that a new Ministry  
has been formed in Portugal.

## OPENING OF THE WEST RIVER.

The *Kobe Chronicle* publishes a Tokio Press  
despatch dated 18th February confirming the  
news that a Convention has been agreed upon  
and signed by Great Britain and China provid-  
ing for the opening of the West River as far as  
Wuchow. The despatch in question reads as  
follows:—

A Peking dispatch received in Tokio last  
night states a Convention has been signed  
between Great Britain and China, in which the  
latter agrees to open Goshu (Wuchow-fu?),  
Kwangsi, and the boundary between Yunnan  
province and Burma has been determined.  
China has ceded the land beyond Idowman (?).

## INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

We are glad to see that subscriptions are still  
flowing in to this Fund, a list of contributors  
kindly forwarded by the Hon. Treasurer this  
afternoon showing that the total amount sub-  
scribed to date is \$46,697 56.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A RETURN side match between the Sergeants'  
Mess, W.Y., and the Hongkong Volunteers is  
being arranged, both sides to use Lee-Atford  
rifles only.

THE case of Lee Pang and others v. Yeung Ming  
Shan, in Original Jurisdiction, at the Supreme  
Court today, was adjourned *ad hoc*. His  
Lordship will give judgment in writing.

MR. KING, land bailiff, to-day prosecuted two  
diggers for trespass on Crown lands at Shau-  
wan and interfering with a water-course. Fines  
of \$25 were inflicted and paid.

It is reported that a cotton cloth and woollen  
goods factory is about to be started in Shanghai  
by a German merchant, who, together with  
some Chinese merchants, intends putting Tin  
100,000 into the concern.

FOURTY-NINE Kanakole labourers returned to  
Nagasaki from New Caledonia by the N.Y.K.  
steamer *Tokio-maru* on her last trip. They  
have been about five years and have brought  
back as the fruits of their labours an average of  
\$1,000 each.

THE *Kojima* reports that the Russian Govern-  
ment has proposed to prohibit Japanese fisher-  
men from fishing off the coasts of Saghalien  
and Eastern Siberia on and after April next, and  
the Japanese Government has made a protest  
against the proposal.

THE Postmaster-General, writing from London  
on the 15th January, notified the Hongkong  
Chamber of Commerce that the Director of  
the International Telegraph Office at Bern has  
consented to extend the date for the reception  
of Codes or collections of code words up to the  
31st of March next.

In their *Weekly Shara* List issued at 5 p.m.  
to-day Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts  
state:—The market still continues to show  
considerable life and a fairly large business has  
been done at advancing rates.

AMONG the passengers from Yokohama by the  
German mail steamer *Hohenstaufen*, which  
arrived to-day, are Master Ben and Miss Marjorie  
Carew. They are going home and transhipped  
to the *Prinzess*, which left to-day.

THE Editor of the *London & China Express*  
on the 20th ultimo contradicted his statement  
that H.M.S. *Powerful* could not be docked in  
Hongkong. He now says, and truly says, that  
the No. 1 dock is quite large enough for her.

THE Committee of the Hongkong Football  
Competition met last night and drew the ties  
for the semi-finals with the following result:—  
"A" Company, W.Y.R. v. Kowloon;  
Royal Engineers v. H.M.S. *Centurion*.

To be played off on or before Tuesday, March  
15th.

The final will be played off on Saturday, the  
20th March.

The Third Annual Dinner of the Hongkong  
Football Club will take place on Saturday, the  
27th March.

FURTHER particulars of the earthquake shock  
at Tokio on the 20th ult. are given in the *Yokohama  
Herald* of the 23rd. The earthquake was felt at  
\$4.40, during the snowstorm, and stopped pen-  
dulum and caused standing water to overflow.  
It seems to have had a great effect on the gas,  
as all the gas lights were put out, causing con-  
siderable inconvenience. At about the same  
time tremors were felt at Kofu, Mito, Utsunomiya,  
Choshi, Fukushima, Aomori, Yokosuka,  
Hikone, Fushiki, Utsunomiya, water flowing over in  
the first place, pendulum being stopped in the  
second, and at Utsunomiya tiles from the fall  
roofs of houses.

WE received this afternoon a press-copy of the  
minutes of the last meeting of the Committee of  
the Chamber of Commerce, together with faded  
and well-nigh illegible press-copies of the  
correspondence referred to in the minutes. We  
publish the minutes to-night and as the  
voluminous correspondence was received too  
late for insertion *in extenso* we paragraph the  
more important parts of it. It is unfortunate  
that we usually receive the Chamber's budget  
too late for prompt publication. In its entirety  
most of the members of the Chamber would  
doubtless be glad to have it in their evening  
papers; and if it came to hand before the whole  
of the matter for the issue is arranged and  
mostly "settled" we should inevitably give it the  
preference. We do the best we can under  
adverse circumstances.

THE Marine Officers' Ball at Shanghai, which  
was held at the Astor Hall on the 25th ult.,  
was, says the *Mercure*, one of the most success-  
ful dances of the season. The decorations were  
unique, the food of the stage being turned into  
a steamer's bridge, fitted with telegraphs, bio-  
nacle, steering gear, and awning, and on either  
side were the port and starboard lights burning  
brightly. Decorations of flags, evergreens, and  
bamboos were also used and a number of life-  
boats bearing the names of well-known coasting  
steamers were displayed along the foot of the  
stage. The president (Capt. Hodson) gave the  
orders "Stand by" and "Fall step ahead" by  
means of the telegraph and the ball was soon in  
full swing. Nearly 500 invitations were accepted  
and the members of the various committees re-  
ceived many congratulations on the successful  
result of their efforts.

WE received this afternoon the second annual  
report of the Navy League as submitted to  
the members of the League at the  
general meeting held at the Royal United  
Service Institution on the 25th January.  
The report shows that a great deal of useful  
work has already been done and that the  
Central Committee is doing its utmost to stir up  
the nation to a full sense of the grave danger of  
Nelson, the command of the sea. We should, it  
is asserted, be sure that we have it, but before  
such an assurance can be accepted as a fact we  
must have a larger and stronger fleet and the  
personal must be improved and increased con-  
siderably. We cordially wish the League every  
success and can only hope that its far-sighted  
leaders will not grow weary of well-doing—the  
success so far attained will encourage them to  
persevere in the face of all obstacles and  
opposition of whatever kind.

THOSE in search of a pleasant walk cannot do  
better than pay a visit to the rose and flower  
gardens lying along the Kowloon boundary.  
Three routes are open to them. The first passes  
through Yan-ma-lai and along the Kowloon City  
Road to the collecting ground for the waterworks  
and thence over the hills to the north to the  
boundary. The second lies across the ridge  
ranges, through the gap by the Association  
Ridge targets and up the valley, which faces it,  
crossing the Kowloon City Road and on over  
the same hills to the gardens. The third  
route is along the road to Hungshom Docks up  
over the hill by the quarries, down the water-  
works valley and up through the small valley  
running northwards from the dam, across the  
Kowloon City Road and so on as before. The  
roses are now beginning to bloom and a fine  
bunch of these sweet-smelling blossoms may be  
obtained for a few cents. Our directions may  
appear to be rather vague, but in the absence of  
a map it is not possible to make them more  
definite. We assure our readers, however, that  
they will have no practical difficulty in finding  
their way and that if they will only make the  
effort they will be amply satisfied and be  
tempted to repeat the experience any fine after-  
noon. Many other pretty walks are to be found  
in Kowloon and as there are few hills to climb  
they should commend themselves to those in  
search of a change from the Bowen Road and  
other well-known promenades.

SMALL-POX is still raging in Osaka, reports the  
*Kobe Chronicle* of 24th ult. It has been  
decided to carry out compulsory vaccination in  
the rural districts, and an appropriation of 3,299  
yen has been asked from the prefectural  
assembly. During last week 72 fresh cases  
(including 17 in the town of Kobe) were  
reported in Higo prefecture. In Chiba pre-  
fecture 1,410 cases had been reported up to the  
22nd February since the outbreak.

WILLISON'S Circus re-opened last evening to a  
very large audience, and the programme sub-  
mitted was well appreciated. The company has  
been augmented since it last performed here and  
some neat and clever feats were gone through  
by the various artists. To-night His Excellency  
the Governor has signified his intention of being  
present at the Circus and Mr. Willison has pre-  
pared a specially attractive programme for the  
occasion.

UNDER the heading "Liberal Yokohama," the  
*Box of Curios* says, "With \$2,500 subscribed to  
the fund for Miss Jacob, and nearly \$6,000 to the  
India Famine Fund, the residents of Yokohama  
show warm hearts that ever beat in sympathy  
for the poor and distressed, and the sums raised  
are most creditable to so small a community.  
Both funds will undoubtedly be much larger, for  
we feel confident that Mr. Lowder will send  
Miss Jacob a cheque for \$5,000, as proposed by  
us, and as the famine in India still grows worse  
other sums will be added to help the starving  
ones of that plague-stricken country. Remember  
that 'charity never faileth!'"

HONGKONG certainly possesses as pretty and as  
convenient a little theatre as one could wish or  
expect to have at such a distance from the  
centres of civilisation, but, strange to say, that  
very necessary convenience, a cloak room, to be  
found in small theatres in third-rate towns at  
home, appears to have been entirely forgotten.  
It is not easy to stow away an overcoat or a  
lady's cloak under a seat, and if put there they  
usually get covered with dust and trodden upon  
by the person immediately behind. Hats, too,  
cannot be put upon any degree of comfort and  
if put under the seat are subjected to the same  
treatment as overcoats. A cloak-room would  
not be an expensive addition to the theatre, and  
should it be necessary, no one would object to a  
small charge, say ten cents, being made for the  
use of it in order that thereby the cost of an  
attendant may be defrayed.

AN enquiry was held at Nagasaki on the 23rd  
ultimo by the British Consul, Mr. J. H. Longford,  
concerning the death at sea of Boatwain  
McCluskey of the British ship *Astracene*. The  
Consul found that the man was lost by being  
swept from the boom by a heavy sea, and added  
that the conduct of I. G. Williams, second mate,  
and the crew of the lifeboat, in continuing a  
search for him for two hours in a heavy sea and  
thick weather was highly commendable. Mr.  
Williams told the Consul that the whole of the  
crew of the boat were willing and anxious, and  
they jumped in readily and pulled their best.  
The first time he suggested a return after a full  
hour's search, but having gone a long distance  
the crew desired to continue the search and they  
did so.

THE latest Japan papers to hand contain more  
correspondence between Messrs Lowder and  
Sclimore concerning the case of Miss Jacob.  
Mr. Lowder, in a letter dated February 19th,  
says:—"The publication of the letter I addressed  
to Miss Jacob on the 13th inst. has resulted in  
the communication to me of facts which indicate  
the existence of a depth of duplicity which is to  
my mind unimaginable, inconceivable; of  
which I among others have been the uncon-  
scious dupe and Miss Jacob the victim." He  
also expressed his readiness to receive any  
suggestion from Mr. Sclimore or Miss Jacob as  
to what further action they would wish him to  
take for the more complete vindication of her  
character short of revealing professional confi-  
dences. Mr. Sclimore replied that a strong and  
deep impression exists and is freely expressed  
that, while recantation has been made of the  
charge of murder, there still remains the shadow  
of that terrible charge against a young woman's  
chastity which had been published to all the  
world. Mr. Lowder then wrote saying that his  
"single desire and sole concern" was to satisfy  
Miss Jacob by doing what was in his power to  
restore her character to the extent that he had been  
instrumental in impeaching it; and he explicitly  
withdrew every word he had said implying the  
existence of questionable relations between her  
and the late Mr. Carew, because it was based on  
the perjured statements of Japanese servants.

## THE CUSTOMS REVENUE.

The Customs *Gazette* for the last quarter of  
1896 has been issued. As usual, the work is  
neatly printed, carefully edited, and full of matter  
that may of fall to the lot of interest and value to  
the mercantile communities of the Far East.  
The Dues and Duties collected at the Treaty  
Ports during the quarter ending 31st December,  
1896, are stated in the *Gazette* as follows:—

Port.	Total Collection Oct. 1st Dec. 1896. £s. 7s.	Total Collection Same Quarter 1895 £s. 7s.
Newchwang	163,081 8.2	250,705 0.3
Tientsin	331,206 1.5	180,075 8.8
Chefoo	100,193 0.1	157,122 3.0
Chungking	122,135 4.0	330,026 2.9
Ichang	103,005 6.9	
Shanghai	1,776 4.8	
Hankow	376,696 9.2	380,537 7.2
Kiukiang	204,999 4.9	213,350 3.3
Wuhu	138,319 5.3	147,838 6.3
Chingling	222,667 7.3	341,346 6.4
Shanghai	2,430,534 8.0	1,612,955 9.3
Soochow	244 4.3	
Ningpo	318,154 7.3	324,055 7.0
Hangchow	4,000 2.0	
Wenchow	6,271 3.0	5,472 1.3
Foochow	408,379 8.7	394,192 6.4
Amoy	254,724 0.3	199,604 4.7
Swatow	127,810 2.7	301,421 2.5
Canton	427,213 5.7	424,684 9.5
Kiungchow	30,755 7.0	174,590 9.0
Pakhoi	48,754 5.1	37,999 3.9
Total H.K. Ts.	5,753,447 0.6	5,212,340 1.0
Same Q. 1895	5,212,340 1.0	
Increases	541,096 9.5	

THE HONGKONG GENERAL  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At a monthly meeting of the Committee held  
at the Chamber's Rooms on the 27th ult., there  
were present Messrs. A. McCosmiche (Chairman),  
H. Smith (Vice-Chairman), Hon. J. J. Ball-Fraser  
N. J. Eds. T. Jackson, St. C. Michaelson, N.  
A. Slebe, Hon. T. H. Whitehead, and R. C.  
Wilcox (Secretary).

## MINUTE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

## NEW MEMBER.

It was announced that the Hongkong and  
China Gas Company, Ltd., had been elected a  
member.

## THE VACANCY ON THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. R. M. Gray was elected a member of the  
General Committee *vice* Mr. G. B. Dodwell,  
resigned.

## TRANSIT PASSES IN KWANTUNG.

Under date 12th ult., the Colonial Secretary  
forwarded, for the information of the Chamber,  
a copy of a translation of a proclamation issued  
by the Lekin Office in Kwangtung on the subject  
of transit passes.

## THE INCREASE IN TELEGRAPH RATES.

A letter was received from the Foreign Office  
on the 23rd ult. replying very fully to the Cham-  
ber's letter of the 20th September last.

Letters had also been received from the Berlin  
Chamber of Commerce and the British Colum-  
bia Board of Trade acknowledging receipt of  
Chamber's circular letter of the 8th October.

It was resolved to address a letter of thanks  
to the Foreign Office for the courteous and care-  
ful consideration given to the representations of  
the Chamber, and which will be further replied  
to at a later date.

## THE LIGHT DUES.

Copies of the Chamber's letter of the 21st Jan.  
and of the shipping companies and firms on the  
subject of the light dues had been forwarded,  
under circular covering letter, to the Chamber  
of Commerce at Shanghai, Yokohama, Singapore,  
Colombo, London, Liverpool, Hull, Bristol,  
Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Southampton,  
Cardiff, Glasgow, Greenock, Leith, Aberdeen,  
Belfast, Dublin, Vancouver, Montreal, Brisbane,  
Sydney, and Melbourne.

On the 30th January a reply was received  
from the Government to the effect that, in ac-  
cordance with the request of the petitioners, the  
petition had been referred to the Secretary of  
State for the Colonies.

HONGKONG'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE POSTAL  
SUBSIDY.

A letter had been addressed to the Chamber  
by the Government forwarding copy of a des-  
patch from the Treasury to the Colonial Office  
on the question of the apportionment of the cost  
of the Eastern Mail Service, together with a  
report on same by the Postmaster-General, who  
estimated this colony's share of







## Intimations.

It is **WASTE OF TIME**  
for us to "puff" our preparations, as every maker's goods are "the best" in his own estimation.

**PEACH-BLOSSOM SOAP**  
AND  
**CHAMPAGNE BITTERS,**  
are number ONE.

Proprietors,  
Hongkong, 15th Feb. 1897.

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## To be Let

TO LET.  
"FOREST LODGE" No 31, CAINE ROAD.  
Apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co  
Hongkong, 21st March 1897. [68]

TO LET.  
HOUSE, BELLIOS TERRACE.  
GODOWN in DUDDELL STREET.  
Apply to  
BELLIOS & Co.  
Hongkong, 27th Feb. 1897. [37]

TO LET.  
DWELLING HOUSES—  
HOUSES IN RIVER TERRACE, HARBOR, MAGAZINE GAP.  
"THE KENNEDY" & "MAGAZINE GAP" FLOORS IN BLUE BUILDINGS.  
GODOWNS IN BLUE BUILDINGS.  
Apply to  
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI INVESTMENT CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 18th February, 1897. [7]

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FOR HAVRE, LONDON AND HAMBURG.  
(Taking Cargo at through rates to COPENHAGEN, STOCKHOLM, NORRKPING, GEFLE, DANTZIC and KONGSBERG, with transhipment in HAMBURG.)  
THE Company's Steamship

"NERITZ."  
Captain Daniel, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 10th March.  
For Freight, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897. [34]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN."  
Captain Nelson, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 12th March, at 3 P.M.  
The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.  
A fully qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 20th February, 1897. [339]

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG.  
THE Company's Steamship

"HELENE RICKMERS."  
Captain Rebbelmsdorf, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 18th March.  
For Freight, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th Feb. 1897. [370]

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.  
TRANS-PACIFIC LINE.  
MONTHLY SERVICE.  
FOR SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, VIA MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU.

(Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the principal Cities in the UNITED STATES, CANADA AND EUROPE, in connection with the Great Northern Railway and Atlantic Steamers.)  
THE Company's Steamship

"TENSIN MARU."  
Captain C. A. Anderson, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 8th March, at 4 P.M.  
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in QUADRUPPLICATE, and one Copy must be mailed by the Steamer to the care of the FREIGHT AGENT, Great Northern Railway, Seattle, Wash.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [366]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Company's Steamship

"DIOMED."  
Captain Br. will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 8th March.  
For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [361]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Steamship

"STRATHLEVEN."  
to sail about 10th March, 1897.  
S.S. "MACDUFF" to sail about 22nd March, 1897.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [360]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.  
JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE.  
MONTHLY SERVICE.  
(Under Mail Contract.)  
FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TOKIO MARU."  
Captain E. S. Barstow, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 26th March, at 4 P.M.  
This Steamer possesses Superior Passenger Accommodation and carries a fully qualified Doctor and a European-Stewardess.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897. [333]

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.  
THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG."  
Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 4th instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [380]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR CHINKIAO (DIRECT).  
THE Company's Steamship

"TAMSUI."  
Captain Vaughan, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 4th March, at 4 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [375]

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).  
THE Steamship

"TOYO MARU."  
Captain Hayashi, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 5th March, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 25th February, 1897. [356]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA, (FLORIO & RUBATINO UNITED COMPANIES).  
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY.  
Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA.

VENICE AND TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS, up to CALLAO.  
Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF AND BAGDAD.

BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA AND MALAGA.  
THE Steamship

"LETIMBRO."  
Captain Relitto, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 5th March, at Noon.  
At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.  
For Further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to  
CARLOWITZ & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [381]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR SHANGHAI.  
THE Company's Steamship

"WUHU."  
Captain Benson, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 5th March, at 4 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [376]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR LONDON.  
VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)  
THE Company's Steamship

"NINGCHOW."  
H. Willis Jones, Commander, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 5th instant, at 5 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.  
For Freight, &c., apply to  
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [374]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.  
THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR."  
Captain J. G. O'Brien, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 6th March, at 3 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [377]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR TIENSIN (DIRECT).  
THE Company's Steamship

"NANCHANG."  
Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th March.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 24th February, 1897. [351]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.  
THE Company's Steamship

"SHANTUNG."  
Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 8th March.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [363]

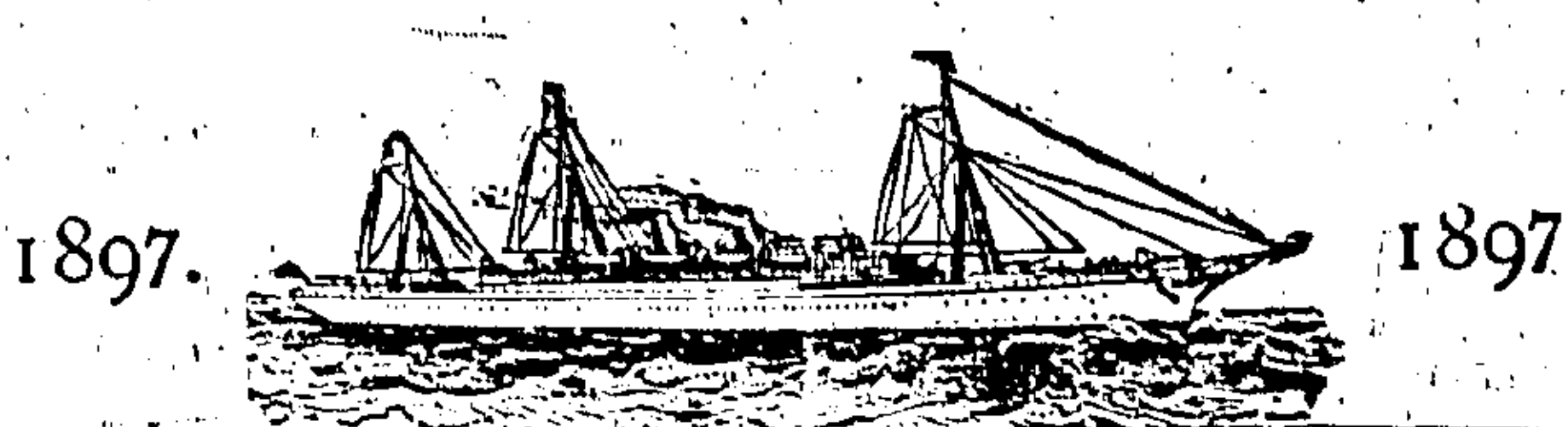
SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
THE 100 Air British Ship  
"FALLS OF DEE."  
Lock Master, shortly expected, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [244]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
THE American Ship  
"COLOMA."  
Noyes, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [279]

## Mails.

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.  
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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 17th March.  
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 7th April.  
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 28th April.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage from HONOLULU TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney, Australia, via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits. Good for 9 months, &c.  
The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.  
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D. E. BROWN, General Agent,  
Paddis Street, [3]  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1897.

## OCCIDENTAL &amp; ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ..... Saturday, 13th March, at Noon.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ..... Thursday, 1st April, at Noon.

Belge (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ..... Thursday, 22nd April, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC"  
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 13th March, 1897, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 24th February, 1897.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,  
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EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK.  
AT  
REASONABLE PRICES.  
Hongkong, 10th May, 1897. [196]

## Mails.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.  
THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON \$400.  
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDSS carried.

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The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA \$225.  
Rates of Passage to other Points on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)  
Tacoma ..... 2,540 | Tuesday ... | Mar. 6.  
Victoria ..... 3,167 | Tuesday ... | Mar. 23.  
Olympia ..... 2,603 | Tuesday ... | April 13.  
Bismarck ..... 3,601 | Tuesday ... | May 4.

THE Steamship  
"TACOMA"  
Captain T. A. Whittier, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 6th March, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued for Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canada and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.  
For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [14]



## THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)  
THE Steamship

"ROHILLA."  
Captain F. J. Cole, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 17th March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This Steamer also connects at Bombay with the S.S. India leaving that Port on the 3rd April for London.

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 25th February, 1897. [15]

## NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

## NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Sachsen ..... Tuesday ... | 30th March.  
Bayern ..... Tuesday ... | 27th April.  
Prinz Heinrich ..... Tuesday ... | 25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "FREUSSEN," Captain H. Seppner, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 27th March. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY, the 29th March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 29th March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than 25 lbs and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation, and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Liqueur can be washed on board.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1897. [190]

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